

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

◆ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

B Check if applicable

☒ Address change☐ Name change☐ Initial return☐ Termination☐ Amended return☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

789 MYRICK PARK DRIVE

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

LA CROSSE

WI 54601

F Name and address of principal officer

Patrick Caffrey, President  
Same as Above

D Employer identification number

39-1476960

E Telephone number

608-784-0303

G Gross receipts \$ 1,154,844

H(a) Is this a group return for

affiliates?

☐ Yes☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) ( 3 ) ◆ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ◆ myrickecopark.com

H(c) Group exemption number ◆

K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ◆

L Year of formation 1983

M State of legal domicile WI

## Part I Summary

Activities & Governance		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets or Fund Balances	
1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: To create a unique destination with dynamic programming, interactive displays, and live animal exhibits that will advance the appreciation and conservation of natural resources in the La Crosse area.							
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.							
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)		3	20				
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)		4	20				
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)		5	10				
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)		6	350				
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)		7a					
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34		7b	0				
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		Prior Year	55,383	Current Year	1,089,145		
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)			27,714		24,774		
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)			6,945		3,733		
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)			16,824		16,981		
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)			106,866		1,134,633		
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)					1,000,000		
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)							
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)			71,317		109,066		
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)							
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)			22,048				
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)			39,616		23,157		
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)			110,933		1,132,223		
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12			-4,067		2,410		
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		Beginning of Year	165,874	End of Year	116,775		
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)			59,284		30,688		
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20			106,590		86,087		

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer

Patrick Caffrey

Date

6/20/2009

Type or print name and title

Patrick Caffrey - President - Board of Directors

Preparer's signature

M. R. Johnson CPA

Date

6/16/09

Check if self-employed

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

P00525445

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

Morrison &amp; Associates, S.C.

330 6th St S 103

La Crosse, WI 54601-4587

EIN

39-1739937

Phone

no 608-782-7293

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes☐ No

DAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990 (2008)

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see instructions)**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To create a unique destination with dynamic programming, interactive displays, and live animal exhibits that will advance the appreciation and conservation of natural resources in the La Crosse area.

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

**4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses.

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 49,894 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 10,095 )

Provide environmental education and nature programs for over 6,000 children annually, including day care groups and children in grades 1 through 8 in cooperation with La Crosse Parks and Recreation department

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 17,294 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 14,584 )

Maintain Myrick Park zoo as well as forest, marsh and prairie trails throughout Hixon Forest and La Crosse river marshes. Manage Hixon Forest and prairie restoration projects.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 4,030 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 95 )

Provide public programming and special events to the La Crosse community to achieve respect for nature and protect the environment for future generations.

**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 1,000,000 including grants of \$ 1,000,000 ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ♦ \$ 1,071,218 (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>28</b> During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
<b>a</b> Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>b</b> Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>c</b> Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
<b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
<b>7h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
<b>8</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		X
<b>9</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		X
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		X
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

For each "Yes" response to lines 2–7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

- |    |    |
|----|----|
| 1a | 20 |
| 1b | 20 |
- 1a** Enter the number of voting members of the governing body
- b** Enter the number of voting members that are independent
- 2** Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?
- 3** Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?
- 4** Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?
- 5** Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?
- 6** Does the organization have members or stockholders?
- 7a** Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?
- b** Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?
- 8** Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:
- a** The governing body?
- b** Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?
- 9a** Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?
- b** If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?
- 10** Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990
- 11** Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O

	Yes	No
2	X	
3		X
4		X
5	X	
6	X	
7a	X	
7b	X	
8a	X	
8b	X	
9a		X
9b		
10		X
11		X

**Section B. Policies**

- 12a** Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13
- b** Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?
- c** Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done
- 13** Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?
- 14** Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?
- 15** Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:
- a** The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?
- b** Other officers or key employees of the organization?
- Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)
- 16a** Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?
- b** If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

	Yes	No
12a	X	
12b		X
12c		X
13		X
14		X
15a		X
15b		X
16a		X
16b		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ♦ WI
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
- ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ♦ MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC 789 MYRICK PARK DRIVE

LA CROSSE

WI 54601

608-784-0303

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**
**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
  - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
GAR AMUNSON		X						0	0	0
NATHAN BARNHART		X						0	0	0
JOSH BLUMENFELD		X						0	0	0
PATRICK CAFFEY PRESIDENT	20	X		X				0	0	0
ROLAN COVERT		X						0	0	0
DAN GRAHAM		X						0	0	0
CLARE HENNEMAN		X						0	0	0
CATHERIN KOLMEIER		X						0	0	0
MARSHA KURTH		X						0	0	0
DAVID LANGE		X						0	0	0
DOROTHY LENARD		X						0	0	0
JEFF ODOM		X						0	0	0
SCOTT REBER		X						0	0	0
JOHN RIEDER		X						0	0	0
SAM SAUER TREASURER	4	X		X				0	0	0
MILT SCHMIDA		X						0	0	0
MARK TERPSTRA SECRETARY		X		X				0	0	0

**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
TOM THOMPSON		X						0	0	0
KATHIE TYSER		X						0	0	0
SUE WEIDEMANN VICE PRESIDE		X		X				0	0	0
KEN WING		X						0	0	0
JIM GALLAGHER Exec Directo	20			X				7,000	0	0
<b>1b Total</b>								7,000		

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

- 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **0**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b	18,775			
	c Fundraising events	1c	1,863			
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,068,507			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,089,145			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	2a ZOO MAINTENANCE REVENUE	Busn. Code	14,584	14,584		
	b CHILD & ADULT EDUCATION		10,190	10,190		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		24,774			
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		3,381		
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties						
6a Gross Rents		(i) Real (ii) Personal				
b Less rental exps						
c Rental inc or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss)						
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b Less cost or other basis & sales exps						
c Gain or (loss)			352			
d Net gain or (loss)			352			352
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a	16,089			
b Less: direct expenses		b	4,330			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			11,759	11,759		
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a				
b Less: direct expenses		b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a	14,803			
b Less: cost of goods sold	b	15,881				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		-1,078	-1,078			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a SPECIAL EVENTS		6,300	6,300			
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		6,300				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		1,134,633	41,755	0	3,733	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	1,000,000	1,000,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	101,315	53,969	29,071	18,275
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	7,751	4,129	2,224	1,398
11 Fees for services (non-employees).				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	1,710		1,710	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,203	300	602	301
17 Travel	161		161	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,728		1,728	
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a INSURANCE	7,920	5,544	1,188	1,188
b ZOO MAINTENANCE	4,460	4,460		
c BANK AND CREDIT CARD FEES	3,934		1,967	1,967
d UTILITIES	3,391	1,357	1,017	1,017
e PRINTING COSTS	2,960	1,318	821	821
f All other expenses	-4,310	141	-1,532	-2,919
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,132,223	1,071,218	38,957	22,048
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	38,824	1	35,205
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,129	2	5,778
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	2,238	4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	6,917	8	3,101
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	10a 28,692		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 15,433		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	7,172	10c	13,259
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	108,594	11	59,432
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		14	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	165,874	15	116,775	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,715	16	1,042
	18 Grants payable		17	
	19 Deferred revenue		18	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		19	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		21	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		23	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	54,569	24	29,646
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	59,284	25	30,688
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	90,078	26	69,575
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		27	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	16,512	28	16,512
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	106,590	32	86,087
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	165,874	33	116,775

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- c If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a	X	
2b		X
2c		X
3a		X
3b		



**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ♦	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	42,332	54,029	51,810	72,868	87,282	308,321
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	18,000	58,000
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1-3	52,332	64,029	61,810	82,868	105,282	366,321
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						98,948
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						267,373

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ♦	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	52,332	64,029	61,810	82,868	105,282	366,321
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,959	4,852	9,025	6,945	3,733	27,514
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						393,835
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	223,726
13 <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	67.8896 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	53.5936 %
16a <b>33 1/3 % support test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>33 1/3 % support test—2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ♦	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1-5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8</b> <b>Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ♦	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13</b> <b>Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14</b> <b>First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>	%

**19a** **33 1/3 % support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

**b** **33 1/3 % support tests—2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

**20** **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Part II, Line 1 - Unusual Grants

PASS THROUGH CONTRIBUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATURE CENTR \$ 1,000,000

**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**◆ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

39-1476960

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>		
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>		

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ◆ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ◆ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ◆ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ◆ \$ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(I) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ◆ \$ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

(II) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ◆ \$ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ◆ \$ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ◆ \$ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)**

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition

b ☐ Scholarly research

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

1a Beginning of year balance

b Contributions

c Investment earnings or losses

d Grants or scholarships

e Other expenditures for facilities and programs

f Administrative expenses

g End of year balance

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a					
1b					
1c					
1d					
1e					
1f					
1g					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %

b Permanent endowment ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %

c Term endowment ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
1b Buildings				
1c Leasehold improvements				
1d Equipment		28,692	15,433	13,259
1e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a–1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				13,259

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1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines 2a through 2d		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2e from line 1		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines 4a and 4b		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part 1, line 12.)		<b>5</b>	

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25.			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines 2a through 2d		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2e from line 1		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines 4a and 4b		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		<b>5</b>	

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

**SCHEDULE G**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Department of the Treasury**  
**Internal Revenue Service**

## Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

◆ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**

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Name of the organization

MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

Employer Identification number

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**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☐ Mail solicitations
- b ☐ Email solicitations
- c ☐ Phone solicitations
- d ☐ In-person solicitations
- e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
- f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
- g ☐ Special fundraising events

**2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

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3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events	
		ENCHANTED FORES		None	(Add col (a) through col (c))	
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	16,089		16,089	
	2	Less: Charitable contributions				
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	16,089		16,089	
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Non-cash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Other direct expenses	4,330		4,330	
	8	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d)				4,330
	9	Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)				11,759

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Non-cash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes    % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes    % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes    % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8	Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

b If "No," Explain:

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If "Yes," Explain:

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

	Yes	No
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

- a** The organization's facility
- b** An outside facility

<b>13a</b>	%
<b>13b</b>	%

**14** Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ♦ MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC  
789 MYRICK PARK DRIVE  
Address ♦ LA CROSSE

WI 54601

**15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ♦ \$
- amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ♦ \$
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address.

Name ♦

Address ♦

and the

**16** Gaming manager information:

Name ♦

Gaming manager compensation ♦ \$

Description of services provided ♦

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ♦ \$

**17a**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the U.S.**

◆ Complete If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22.

◆ Attach to Form 990.

# 2008

**Open to Public Inspection**

**Employer identification number**  
**39-1476960**

## Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II: Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed. ◆

[illegible]

**2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations**

3 Enter total number of other organizations

**For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.**

**Part III** Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

[illegible]

Part I, Line 2 - Procedures for Monitoring the Use of Grant Funds

Grant to the City of La Crosse was made to a dedicated account for the nature center construction. Construction was let through a competitive bid process overseen by the Board of Public Works. Project supervision was provided by city and Eco Park staff as well as general contractor.



**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990**◆ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide  
additional information for responses to specific questions for the  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2008**Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

Employer identification number

39-1476960

## Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Achievements

Facilitate construction of nature center in Myrick Park, a public park in La Crosse. The facility is a joint project of the Rotary Works Foundation, the Myrick Hixon Eco Park, and the City of La Crosse. The Rotary Works Foundation contributed \$1,000,000 to the taxpayer on September 1, 2008 which was transferred to the City of La Crosse for the initial construction phase on the same date. The building is on city parkland and is owned by the City of La Crosse.

## Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Related Party Information Among Officers

Ken Wing

Sue Wiedemann

Father - Daughter

## Form 990, Part VI, Line 5 - Material Diversion of Assets

The organization determined in 2008 that approximately \$9,045 in funds were diverted to personal use by an employee beginning in 2002 and ending in March, 2008. Funds were diverted by personal use of credit cards and personal use of organization funds. The employee is no longer employed and the organization worked with law enforcement authorities. Job descriptions have been revised to provide greater segregation of duties and increase board oversight. Independent consultants have been hired for audit and bookkeeping assistance.

Name of the organization

MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

Employer identification number

39-1476960

Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 - Classes of Members or Stockholders

The taxpayer is a non-stock corporation with members.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - Election of Members and Their Rights

The Mayor of the City of La Crosse appoints one member to the board of directors of the Myrick Hixon Eco Park. The Chairperson of the City of La Crosse Park Board and two Park Board representatives are also ex-officio members of the board of directors of the Myrick Hixon Eco Park, Inc. The La Crosse Area Rotary Clubs appoint three members to the board of directors.

Members of the Myrick Hixon Eco Park, Inc. vote to elect the remaining members of the board of directors. There is a single class of membership with one vote per member.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7b - Decisions Subject to Approval of Members

Members of the organization elect the majority of the governing board of directors. There is one class of membership with one vote per member.

MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.  
789 MYRICK PARK DRIVE  
LA CROSSE, WI 54601

**Electing out of the 50% Bonus Depreciation Allowance for  
All Eligible Depreciable Property**

The taxpayer elects out of the 50% first-year bonus depreciation allowance under IRC Section 168(k) for all eligible asset classes of depreciable property acquired after December 31, 2007. This election applies to all eligible depreciable property placed in service after December 31, 2007.

MYRI MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

39-1476960

## Federal Statements

FYE: 12/31/2008

### Taxable Interest on Investments

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>
ASSOCIATED BANK	\$ 777		14	
COULEE BANK	18		14	
NORTH CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY	1,602		14	
Total	<u>\$ 2,397</u>			

### Taxable Dividends from Securities

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>
NORTH CENTRAL TRUST CO	\$ 984		14	
Total	<u>\$ 984</u>			

MYRI MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.  
39-1476960  
FYE: 12/31/2008

## Federal Statements

### Form 990, Part IX, Line 24f - All Other Expenses

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$ 2,644		\$ 2,644	\$
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	2,143	714	714	715
POSTAGE	2,012	804	604	604
ANIMAL SUPPLIES	2,002	2,002		
CAMPAIGN EVENT EXPENSES	1,685			1,685
EDUCATION SUPPLIES	1,365	1,365		
COPY MACHINE MAINTENANCE	1,171	469	351	351
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,062	354	354	354
AUTOMOTIVE EXPENSE	858	429	429	
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	640	214	213	213
VETERINARY FEES	517	517		
NATURE AREA RESTORATION C	113	113		
REIMBURSED EXPENSES	-20,522	-6,840	-6,841	-6,841
Total	\$ -4,310	\$ 141	\$ -1,532	\$ -2,919

MYRI MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.  
39-1476960  
FYE: 12/31/2008

## Federal Statements

### Schedule A, Part II - Unusual Grants

Name	Date	Amount	Description
ROTARY WORKS FOUNDATION	9/01/08	\$ 1,000,000	PASS THROUGH CONTRIBUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATURE CENTR
Total		<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	

Form **4562**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

(99)

**Depreciation and Amortization**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

**2008**Attachment  
Sequence No **67**

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.

Identifying number

39-1476960

Business or activity to which this form relates

Indirect Depreciation

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6			
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	584
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)****Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	165
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

	(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a	3-year property						
b	5-year property		584	5.0	HY	200DB	117
c	7-year property						
d	10-year property						
e	15-year property						
f	20-year property						
g	25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h	Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i	Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
					MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a	Class life					S/L	
b	12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c	40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions.)**

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	3,987
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instr.	22	4,853
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Form **4562** (2008)

**Part V Listed Property** (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

**Section A—Depreciation and Other Information** (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?					Yes	No	24b If "Yes," is the evidence written?			Yes	No
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost			
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)								25	3,322		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:											
98 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCK	5/09/08	100.00%	6,645	3,323	5.0	200DBHY	665				
		%									
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:											
		%				S/L-					
		%				S/L-					
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1								28	3,987		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29			

**Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles**

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

**Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees**

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions.) Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.		

**Part VI Amortization**

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions):					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44



Form **8868**  
(Rev. April 2009)**Application for Extension of Time To File an  
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒ **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).**

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number
	MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC.	39-1476960
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 2702 QUARRY ROAD	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. LA CROSSE WI 54601	

**Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):**

- |  |   |                                    |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of ► MYRICK HIXON ECOPARK INC

Telephone No. ► 608-784-0303

FAX No. ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ . If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ . If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

- 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 8/17/09, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
- ☒ calendar year 2008 or
- ☐ tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Form **8868** (Rev. 4-2009)